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| Application Number | 09/539231 |
| Filing Date | 8/10/2005 |
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| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

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Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

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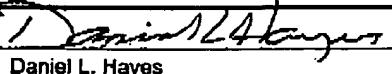
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2 Serial No.
3 Filing Date 8/10/2005
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6 Title: Methods and Arrangements for Providing a Mark-Up Language Based
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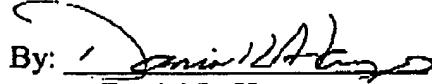
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3 Applicant Microsoft Corporation
4 Attorney's Docket No. MS1-485US
Title: Methods And Arrangements For Providing A Mark-Up Language Based
Graphical User Interface For User Identification To An Operating System

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

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I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I hereby claim benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of United States Provisional Application /, filed December 15, 1999 (Applicant's Docket Number 149399.1, entitled "Web-Based User Interface For User Identification To The Operating System").

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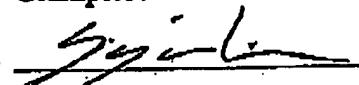
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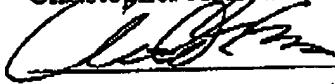
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Assignment For Published Patent Application

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a CON of 09/539,231 03/30/2000
 which claims benefit of 60/170,955 12/15/1999

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Title

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Preliminary Class

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- a) One or more joint inventors; OR
- b) Those registered practitioners associated with a Customer Number; OR
- c) Ten or fewer patent practitioners, either in the power of attorney itself, or by a listing in a separate paper accompanying the power of attorney, as explained below.

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- (1) Be in writing;
- (2) Name one or more representatives in compliance with (c) of this section;
- (3) Give the representative power to act on behalf of the principal; and
- (4) Be signed by the applicant for patent (§ 1.41(b)) or the assignee of the entire interest of the applicant.

(c) A power of attorney may only name as representative:

- (1) One or more joint inventors (§ 1.45);
- (2) Those registered patent practitioners associated with a Customer Number;
- (3) Ten or fewer registered patent attorneys or registered patent agents (see § 10.6 of this subchapter) (patent practitioners). Except as provided in paragraph (c)(1) or (c)(2) of this section, the Office will not recognize more than ten patent practitioners as being of record in an application or patent. If a power of attorney names more than ten patent practitioners, such power of attorney must be accompanied by a separate paper indicating which ten patent practitioners named in the power of attorney are to be recognized by the Office as being of record in application or patent to which the power of attorney is directed.

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